

Public Safety Academy Shooting Range Completion**FY2003 Request:****\$251,000****Reference No:****35834****AP/AL:** Appropriation**Project Type:** Construction**Category:** Public Protection**Location:** Sitka**Contact:** Kenneth E. Bischoff**Election District:** Sitka, Wrangell, Petersburg**Contact Phone:** (907)465-4336**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2002 - 06/30/2004**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

This project requests funds for the completion of the Academy shooting range located in Starrigavan Valley (one mile off the main road near the Alaska Marine Highway terminal). The berms, fencing and rough earthwork have been completed. The Starrigavan Range isn't usable during inclement weather due to the lack of a covered shooting shelter and classroom building.

Funding:

	FY2003	FY2004	FY2005	FY2006	FY2007	FY2008	Total
Gen Fund	\$191,000						\$191,000
Stat Desig	\$60,000						\$60,000
Total:	\$251,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$251,000

<input type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased Project	<input type="checkbox"/> On-Going Project
0% = Minimum State Match % Required		<input type="checkbox"/> Amendment	<input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health Bill

Operating & Maintenance Costs:

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Staff</u>
Total Operating Impact:	0	0
One-Time Startup Costs:	0	
Additional Estimated Annual O&M:	5,000	0

Prior Funding History / Additional Information:

The range is a cooperative project between the State and the City and Borough of Sitka. The City committed a total of \$300,000 to the Trooper range project. To date they have expended \$240,000 clearing land, erecting berms, fencing, providing electrical power, and designing the building, shooting shelter, and lighting. \$60,000 in City funds intended for construction of the building and shelter have been forwarded to the Department of Public Safety and await Legislative action.

Project Description:

This project requests funds for the completion of the Academy Shooting Range located in Starrigavan Valley. The berms, fencing and rough earth work have been completed. The Starrigavan Range isn't usable during inclement weather due to the lack of a covered shooting shelter and classroom building and poor surface drainage resulting in mud and standing water.

Project Need:

The Starrigavan Range is needed to upgrade current firearms training facilities at the Public Safety Academy. The existing range is poorly suited to shotgun and patrol rifle instruction. It is also designed to accommodate fewer shooters than are now attending Alaska Law Enforcement Training (ALET) sessions. Its location near residential neighborhoods creates noise pollution when large numbers of shooters are firing over the course of several days. Lastly, the existing range is in poor condition and its backstop will require major reconstruction if it is subjected to continued heavy use.

A substantial amount of work has already been done on the Starrigavan Range. However, the work is of a preparatory nature. Shooting instruction usually happens between October and April. During these months, recruits are exposed to rain, snow, and strong winds. Due to the distance from the Academy to the Starrigavan Range, recruits will be bussed both ways. Unless improvements are made, students will have to spend the entire day exposed to the elements.

The cost breakout is as follows:

Classroom building	135,000
Shooting shelter	55,000
Range shelter lighting	5,000
Range shelter heating	8,000
Parking lot lights	10,000
Downrange lighting	20,000
Gravel for drainage	5,500
Concrete slab for portable toilets	3,500
Classroom interior finish	15,000
Classroom cabinets and markerboards	7,000
Rainwater collection system	8,000
10% Contingency	27,000
Total Cost	\$299,000

Current DPS Capital Project Funds	(48,000)
This request	\$251,000

Fund Sources	
General Funds	\$191,000
Stat Des PR	\$60,000
Total Funding	\$251,000

Operating and Maintenance Costs:

Unknown, but will include snow plowing, berm maintenance, electricity and heating fuel bills, water delivery and sewage removal. Projections indicate annual expenses of less than \$5,000.

Impact of Not Receiving Request:

If this project is not approved, substantial funding presently dedicated to ALET training will be diverted towards reconstruction of the current range. Such reconstruction, while allowing continued use of the existing range, would not address the size, noise, and suitability problems inherent to that location.